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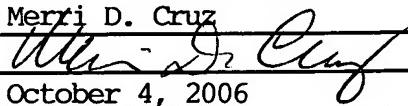
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING READ-ONLY ACCESS TO NETWORK ELEMENT CONFIGURATION DATA

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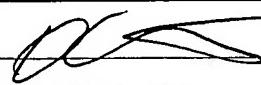
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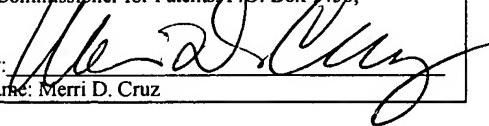


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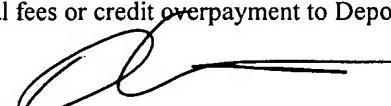
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